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## **Nevada Department of Public Safety Joins US Department of Justice in Commemorating National Meth Awareness Day**

*Majority of DPS narcotic task force cases are methamphetamine related*

*Carson City, Nevada*~Officers from the Nevada Department of Public Safety join law enforcement agencies across the country to commemorate today's US Department of Justice National Methamphetamine Awareness Day.

Overwhelmingly, methamphetamine is the most frequently encountered drug by officers from the Nevada DPS in narcotic task force operations. Between October 1, 2005 and September 30, 2006, the Nevada DPS Investigation Division narcotic task forces opened a total of 449 narcotic related cases. Of these cases, 263 or 59% were meth related and 274 meth related arrests were made. In this time period, DPS task force detectives also seized 5,229.35 grams of meth with a street value of \$503,609.00. From 2004-05 detectives seized 7,409.52 grams of methamphetamine with a street value of \$514,593.80.

Methamphetamine is primarily transported to Nevada through ground transportation from drug trafficking organizations operating in Mexico and California. These distributor groups transport methamphetamine to our state in multiple pound quantities or greater. Mexican produced crystal meth is the most readily available in Nevada and ranges in purity levels from 90 percent to 99 percent. Local manufacturing entrepreneurs also continue to produce meth in small quantities under a pound.

DPS narcotic task forces are multi jurisdictional and operate in the following counties: White Pine, Eureka, Elko, Churchill, Washoe, Mesquite, Humboldt, Pershing, Lander, Carson City, Douglas, Lyon and Storey. They also work in California counties Nevada, Placer and El Dorado. The Las Vegas Metro Police Department manages the narcotics enforcement in Clark county.

DPS narcotic task force Detectives urge citizens to take advantage of the November 30<sup>th</sup> national event to access local, state and federal sources available to them to learn more about this devastating drug's impact on their communities.

For more information, go to [www.usdoj.gov/methawareness](http://www.usdoj.gov/methawareness) or the DPS site at [www.dps.nv.gov](http://www.dps.nv.gov) and click on the link to the Investigation Division. Concerned citizens with any drug information are asked to call the DPS narcotic task forces at 1-866-2REPORT (1-866-273-7678).

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